

Dear FCC,

If a utility bill has monthly fees that are independent of the amount of product used each month then those fees should be totaled under a monthly cost (monthly service fee) including Federal and Local fees. The monthly service fee should be made available to the consumer; thus allowing the consumer to know his base monthly costs. In lumping these fees the utility should still be required to itemize them on the bill.

However, care should be taken that the utilities do not make the monthly fees variable through some means thus allowing them to exclude said fees from the monthly cost. My experience with my phone bill in Florida showed me that 1/3 of my bill was fees and taxes, information to which I was not privy prior to establishing service.

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